

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Previously Presented) A security element comprising an elongate strip of a light transmitting polymeric substrate, said substrate being provided with a magnetic feature and a metallic design, the metallic design being provided by a combination of metal and non-metallic regions which permit the transmission of light and comprising indicia, characters, patterns, designs, or geometrical shapes or a combination of the aforesaid design incorporating at least one repeating pattern of which one or more of the frequency, the instantaneous amplitude and/or the maximum amplitude of the pattern varies constantly along the length of the element, said design being positioned relative to the magnetic feature such that it does not overlap therewith.

2. (Previously Presented) A security element as claimed in claim 1 in which the magnetic feature comprises a continuous layer.

3. (Previously Presented) A security element as claimed in claim 1 in which the magnetic feature comprises a discontinuous layer.

4. (Currently Amended) A security element as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the magnetic feature comprises indicia, characters, patterns, designs, or geometrical shapes ~~or the like~~.

5. (Currently Amended) A security element as claimed in claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ in which the magnetic feature comprises a machine readable bit pattern sequence.

6. (Currently Amended) A security element as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which ^{the} pattern is provided by demetallised regions in a metal layer.

7. (Previously Presented) A security element as claimed in claim 6 in which the metal layer covers the magnetic feature.

8. (Currently Amended) A security element as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the pattern is provided by discrete metal regions.

9. (Previously Presented) A security element as claimed in claim 8 in which the magnetic feature is not covered by metal regions.

10. (Previously Presented) A security element as claimed in claim 9 in which the magnetic feature is overprinted with a black or coloured ink.

11. (Previously Presented) A security element as claimed in claim 9 in which a layer of optically variable, photochromic or thermochromic material is provided over at least the magnetic feature.

12. (Previously Presented) A security element as claimed in claim 9 in which a masking layer is provided over the magnetic feature having a

colour at least as dark as that of the magnetic feature to disguise the format of the magnetic feature.

13. (Currently Amended) A security element as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the design of magnetic feature and the pattern of the metallic feature are complementary.

14. (Currently Amended) A security element as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the magnetic feature and the pattern of the metallic feature combine to comprise an authenticating feature.

15. (Currently Amended) A security element as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the magnetic feature has an amount of magnetic material which does not vary in any cross section of the security element.

16. (Currently Amended) A security element as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the magnetic feature comprises a plurality of layers of magnetic materials having differing characteristics.

17. (Currently Amended) A security element as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the metallic design is provided by the application of metallic ink to the substrate.

18. (Previously Presented) A security element as claimed in claim 17 in which the design is provided by a plurality of layers of metallic inks having differing characteristics.

19. (Currently Amended) A security element as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which a layer which has a functional effect, such as luminescence or IR absorbing, is applied to the element.

20. (Currently Amended) A security substrate comprising a base substrate in which a security element according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 is at least partially embedded.

21. (Currently Amended) A security substrate comprising a base substrate to at least one surface of which a security element according to ~~any of the preceding claims is applied~~ claim 1.

22. (Currently Amended) A security document made from the security substrate of claim 20 ~~or 21~~.

23. (Currently Amended) A security document as claimed in claim 22 ~~one or both sides of which have been~~, wherein at least one side thereof is printed with identifying indicia.

24. (Currently Amended) A security document as claimed in claim 23 in which the printing includes at least one of the repeating ~~patters~~ patterns of the metallic design.

25. (Currently Amended) A security document as claimed in ~~any one of claims 22 to 24~~ claim 22 comprising a bank note, cheque, ID card, bond, certificate of authenticity, stamp, security label, vouchers, or brand protection article ~~or the like~~.

26. (Cancelled)

Please add the following new claims:

27. (New) A security document made from the security substrate of claim 21.

28. (New) A security document according to claim 27 wherein at least one side thereof is printed with identifying indicia.